

Sudan to evacuate families of embassy staff in Cairo

CAIRO (AFP) — Sudan is preparing to send home the families of its 40 embassy staff in Egypt amid increased tension in relations between Cairo and Khartoum, embassy spokesman Soliman Abdul Tawab said Tuesday.

He told AFP that the Sudanese government had "decided to repatriate the family members of the diplomatic mission in Cairo, about 250 people, and preparations are already underway."

Three Sudanese diplomats attacked Sunday in Cairo allegedly by Egyptian security agents will also leave the country Wednesday, two for Khartoum.

But First Secretary Abdul Aziz Al Amri Mohamad is to be sent to London for treatment "because his condition is quite serious," Abdul Tawab said.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak offered to pay the three's medical costs, but Sudan refused.

The Egyptian media has blamed Sudan for starting things, saying six Egyptian diplomats were set upon and beaten up in Khartoum Saturday, one of them

seriously.

Abdul Tawab denied as "baseless" newspaper allegations that three members of Sudan's security forces were behind the June 26 assassination attempt on President Hosni Mubarak in Addis Ababa.

The government daily *Al Akhbar* Tuesday, quoting sources in Khartoum's security services, named the three as Hashem Mohammad Gad Al Maula, Mohammad Abdul Rehman Al Tayeb and Mohammad Sirag. One was killed in the gun attack, one is still in hospital and a third died.

Meanwhile, the official Sudanese News Agency (SUNA) said 26 Sudanese nationals had been refused entry to Egypt on arriving at Cairo airport, and turned back even though they had visas.

And it charged that 32 Sudanese were held at the airport for 15 hours before being allowed into the country on June 26 in Addis Ababa.

Relations between Cairo and Khartoum have been strained since Mr. Mubarak accused Sudan's Islamic regime of backing the attempt on his life in Ethiopia.

Lebanon reiterates ban on protests

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Lebanon reiterated a ban on public demonstrations, saying security forces had been ordered to use all means to bar workers from taking to the streets Wednesday to protest against a rise in petrol prices.

"The Lebanese army, internal security forces and other security organs were instructed to use all measures to implement the resolution banning demonstrations," Interior Minister Michel Al Murr said after a Monday night cabinet session.

Eight people were killed on Sept. 13, 1993, in Beirut when troops fired into a crowd of Muslim militants marching in defiance of a ban on demonstrations to protest against the signing of the PLO-Israeli peace pact that day.

Shortly before that incident, the government had banned all public demonstrations without its permission.

On Monday, Beirut's General Labour Confederation

said workers would take to the streets during a one-day general strike Wednesday without asking permission.

The strike and protest demonstrations were called to demand that the government roll back tax hikes, including a 38 per cent increase in the price of petrol.

"The issue of the strike and all the big talk about taking to the street threatens national security. There is consensus that we will not tolerate this matter," Prime Minister Rafik Al Hariri told reporters after the cabinet session.

Acting Finance Minister Fouad Siniora said Monday that demonstrations would not make the government change its policy but might have "negative effects" on the situation in Lebanon.

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Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath Tuesday is briefed by principals involved in the Economic Development through Technical Skills Project (Petra photo)

Princess Sarvath opens office of Economic Development through Technical Skills Project

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath Tuesday officially opened the office of the Economic Development through Technical Skills Project (EDTS), which is funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and managed by the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC), according to a Royal Court statement.

This office, staffed by a project director and coordinator, is responsible for support of the EDTSP activities in Jordan and is housed in the National Centre for Human Resources Development (NCHRD), previously the National Centre for Educational Research and Development.

During the ceremony, the Princess was briefed on the objectives of NCHRD and the ACCC's Middle East operations, with special emphasis on two Jordan-based projects which the Canadian association administers on behalf of CIDA: the EDTSP and the Learning Difficulties Project (LDP).

NCHRD President Munther Masri pointed to the role of the centre in improving the effectiveness of the education system, in coordinating projects and transferring educational innovation, in the institutionalisation of educational reform and in improving national capacities in planning, research and evaluation, the statement said.

Dr. Masri informed Princess Sarvath that, in the future, the centre will com-

ment on human resource development with special emphasis on technical and vocational education and training.

This shift in emphasis for the centre is the reason for its name change, and is one reason for its housing the office for the EDTSP project, the statement added.

ACCC Vice President for Development and Field Operations Neja Gorica presented an overview of the activities which the association manages on behalf of CIDA in Jordan, Lebanon, the Gaza Strip, the West Bank and Yemen, which include projects in education, health, economic reform, agriculture and fisheries.

According to the statement, Mr. Gorica stressed the importance of ACCC places on increasing the perceived value of technical and vocational education and training and improving the links between industry and education to strengthen the skills of the emerging labour force.

ACCC/EDTS Project Director Nancy George, explained that the purpose of the project, which has as primary partners the Vocational Training Corporation and the Minister of Higher Education, is to assist the government of Jordan in adopting a coherent policy and plan which meets the technical and vocational needs of government, business, industry and labour.

Dr. George identified the highlight of the project as the Canadian involvement in assisting Jordan's rationalisation of its education system. In the future, the centre will com-

ment on technical and vocational education and training which includes Canada-based training for over 70 Jordanians and provision of more than 75-person-months of Canadian technical expertise in Jordan.

She pointed out that the EDTSP project's objectives were complementary to the government of Jordan's action plan for the Human Resource Development Sector Investment Loan, and observed that the implementation of several activities in Jordan's action plan are contingent upon the leadership role Canada is providing through the EDTSP project and the implementation of the recommendations arising from its activities.

Although the EDTSP project is new, Canadian association has previously been involved with Princess Sarvath Community College, the statement said.

Dean of the college Rabi Waqfi explained to the guests at the ceremony that the Learning Difficulties Project was designed to strengthen the institutional capacity of the college and its centre of excellence for learning difficulties.

He then briefed Princess Sarvath on the current status of the Learning Difficulties Project, informing her that nine Jordanian educators who have completed their training in Canada continue to receive assistance from Canadian specialists, and that the diagnostic programme at the Princess Sarvath Community College will begin in November, 1995.

Ministry, HCO ship aid to Bosnia

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan Tuesday sent the first consignment of relief aid to Bosnia in implementation of directives by His Majesty King Hussein, according to an official statement.

The shipment, consisting of medical equipment, drugs, infant formula, bandages and other medical requirements, was organised by the Ministry of Health and sent off by plane in cooperation with the Hashemite Charity Organisation (HCO) and the Jordan Armed Forces.

King Hussein has been in

contact with world leaders on the situation in Bosnia in recent days, and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan has urged the HCO to step up efforts to raise contributions for the embattled Bosnian people.

Minister of Health Aref Batayneh, who supervised the shipping of the consignment, said that a second shipment with more medical supplies will soon be flown to Bosnia adding that his ministry will do all it can to organise more shipments and other forms of aid to meet the requirements of the

victims of aggression.

The minister noted that apart from the HCO, the private sector in Jordan along with the Royal Medical Services helped in organising the first shipment.

The HCO was entrusted by Prince Hassan to organise aid shipments to various Arab and non-Arab Muslim countries in the past.

Jordan Television is presenting a special programme on Friday to obtain contributions from citizens and organisations to help the Bosnian people.

WHAT'S GOING ON

JERASH FESTIVAL

Concert by Mustafa Shisha and Suheir Odeh at the Southern Theatre at 8:30 p.m.

FILMS

- "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes," at the British Council at 7:00 p.m.
- "The Civil War: The Valley of the Shadow of Death, 1864," at the American Centre, at 5:00 p.m.

LECTURES

- "Before writing: from counting to cuneiform," by Denise Schmandt-Besserat at the American Centre of Oriental Research (ACOR) at 7:00 p.m.
- "Abdul Rahman Munif — the art of storytelling," at Darat al Funun, Jabal Weibdeh at 7:30 p.m.

EXHIBITION

- Exhibition in honour of Palestinian intifada victims and detainees at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation.

Queen stresses employment generation as a key to lasting, prosperous peace

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Tuesday chaired the closing session of the three-day preparatory meeting organised by the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) and the International Commission on Peace and Food (ICPF), according to a Royal Court Statement.

Jordan, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt are cooperating with ICPF and the NHF on a project called "Human Security in the Middle East," the statement said.

The next phase of this project involves extensive research by the working groups on regional economic cooperation, employment generation, food security, human resource development, and peace, cooperative security and development.

The resultant findings and recommendations, which will be presented at a larger conference in Amman next year, will propose practical projects to create jobs and advance human development, the statement said.

Secretary of the ICPF Gary Jacobs thanked Queen Noor for supporting this project and for presenting the commission's report to the United Nations last year, the statement said.

Dr. Jacobs commended participants for the quality and clarity of their work, the statement added.

He urged the participants to remain flexible and adaptive, in preparation for the research phase, to new developments and to prioritise their recommendations on the basis of workability and time-frames.

Also, according to the statement, Dr. Jacobs urged the participants to present proposals to the Middle East and North Africa Economic Summit.

The ICPF, of which Queen Noor is a member, is an independent, non-political, non-profit organisation of political leaders, heads of international agencies, scientists and other professionals. It was founded in 1989 to redirect resources from the arms race into programmes to promote peace, democracy, food security and employment.

"the educational backgrounds and productive skills needed to meet the standards required by the international market... We in Jordan have come to realise that the rapid and full development of the talents and capacities of our people is the most important task before us."

Queen Noor called for "an intensive effort to promote more productive commercial agriculture to help meet our food needs, diminish the dependence on imports, stimulate exports of value-added products and generate hundreds and thousands of new jobs."

According to the statement, the Queen called for mutually beneficial economic cooperation in the region, saying "cooperation is the only formula for continuous economic growth and prosperity."

At the closing ceremony of the congress, the children will draft and present an appeal to their peers and to world leaders of their evaluations and recommendations.

UNESCO, UNEDBAS and NHF will issue a book of the children's artistic and literary works which will be distributed in all Arab countries.

The NHF will also publish a yearly magazine consisting of children's productions, views and recommendations. The statement said.

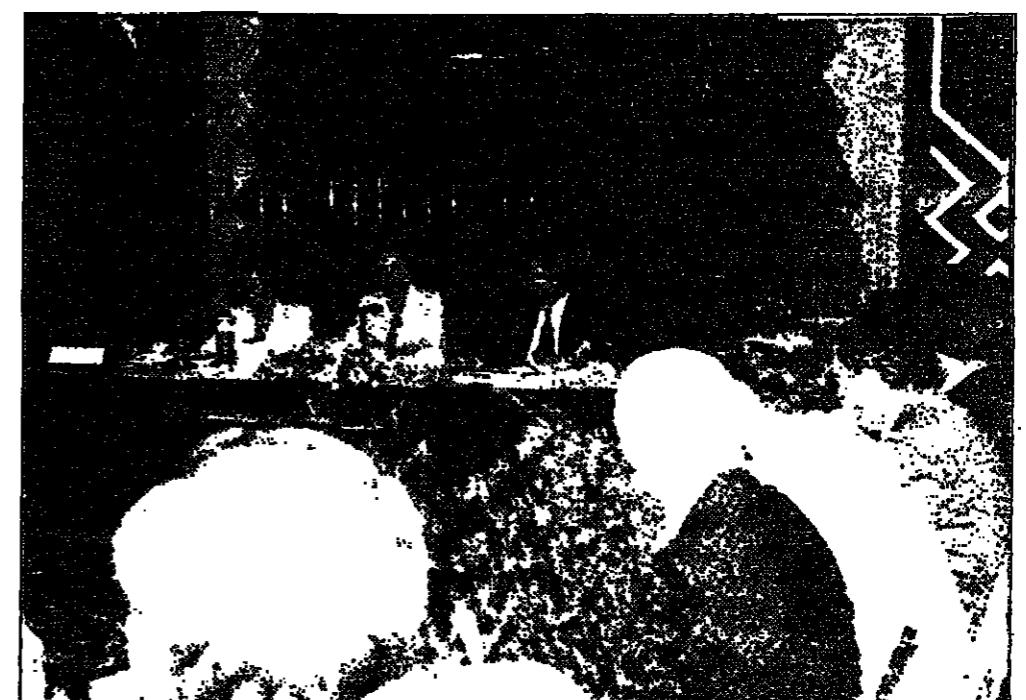
A sculpture depicting tolerance, produced by the children during the congress, and a video tape highlighting their major activities will be presented during UNESCO's 1995 November General Conference Exhibition in Paris.

Also according to the report, the 1995 Arab Children's Congress was funded by contributions from UNESCO, UNEDBAS and several local organisations: the Industrial Development Bank, the Arab Potash Company, the Cement Factory and Phosphate Company.

Speaking on behalf of the NHF, Lina Tal, director of the Arab Children's Congress, welcomed the participating children to Jordan.

Over the last 14 years, she said, the total number of ACC participants has reached 1,000, some of whom have gone on to pursue university education and to occupy leadership positions in their countries, the statement said.

Queen Noor was received by Minister of Social Development Salwa Damas-Masi, NHF Acting Director Abdullah Hindawi, members of the NHF Board of Trustees and members of the preparatory committee for the Arab Childrens Congress.



Her Majesty Queen Noor Tuesday chairs the final session of a preparatory meeting for a proposed project on human security in the Middle East (photo by Crystal)

Queen opens 15th Arab Children's Congress

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Tuesday opened the 15th Arab Children's Congress (ACC), this year entitled, "Solidarity and Tolerance in Arab Culture," at the Roman Amphitheatre in Amman, a Royal Court statement said.

The 1995 ACC, which is organised by the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF), and held in cooperation with United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and UNESCO's Regional Office for Education in the Arab States (UNEDBAS), coincides with the 50th anniversary of UNESCO and its International Culture of Peace Festivals for Children.

The Arab Children's Congress, initiated by Queen Noor in 1980, brings together children from throughout the Arab World to promote dialogue and exchange ideas in order to forge bonds of friendship between them while fostering creativity, reflection and action on global issues, according to the statement.

During the one-week congress, the children will visit Jordan's archaeological sites and cultural centres, attend the opening ceremony of the Jerash Festival on Wednesday with Queen Noor and participate in daily workshops on water shortage, population growth, pollution, protection of the environment, peaceful resolutions of conflicts, children's rights, solidarity and tolerance.

Prosecutor general shelves allegations by former minister

AMMAN (J.T.) — The government has decided to shelve documents containing accusations made by former Health Minister Abdul Rahim Malhas over alleged expired food and drugs on sale in Jordanian markets.

In January 1994 the former minister made statements to the press accusing merchants of importing bad food and drugs that were unfit for human consumption and for sale to the public. He later repeated the accusations before parliament.

Dr. Malhas said then that he had noticed that the prices of drugs had risen sharply upon his assumption of office, that control over drugs imported and sold in the Kingdom was lax and that foodstuffs were sold in the local markets long after their expiry dates.

He had also said that he had referred numerous cases of public health violations to the concerned courts, according to the prosecutor general.

With great sadness, the management and associates of the Amman Marriott Hotel mourn the passing away of Mrs. Sheree Lyon's father in Australia, and extend their sincerest condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lyon and the family.

May his soul rest in peace.

Local firm wins JD 4.5m infrastructure contract

AQABA (Petra) — A local construction firm, National Contracting Company, has won a JD 4.5 million contract from the Aqaba Region Authority (ARA) to lay the infrastructure work for two housing estates in Aqaba.

ARA President Fayez Khasawneh, who signed the contract with the company's general manager, Awani Saket, said that the infrastructure will extend over 1,080 dunums and will include roads, pavements, water, electricity, telephone and sewage networks.

The infrastructure will

serve the seventh and eighth housing estates of the port city, and a tender for the infrastructure of the ninth estate will be floated in August, another for the tenth housing district will go out by mid-September.

Following the signing of the contract, Dr. Khasawneh said that the seventh housing estate will be set up on 330 dunums of land which is to be divided into 181 plots each ranging between 500 and 7,500 square metres in area.

The seventh housing estate will include a green belt, shopping centres, schools and gardens within a total area of 53 dunums.

Dr. Khasawneh said that ARA expects 550 housing units to be set up within this estate to house 3,000 inhabitants.

Referring to the eighth

housing estate, Dr. Khasawneh said that it will be set up on 750 dunums and will be divided into 617 plots ranging in area between 500 and 1,000 square metres.

Up to 1,264 housing units

are expected to be set up within this eighth estate for at least 6,700 inhabitants, according to Dr. Khasawneh.

Ministry holds symposium on drug abuse in Jordan

Amman (Petra) — Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Salam Abbadi Tuesday opened a one-day symposium on fighting drug abuse in Jordan.

Dr. Abbadi called for intensifying and mobilising national efforts to protect Jordan from the damaging consequences of drug abuse. The minister said that Islam

considers drug abuse a crime.

Dr. Abbadi listed unemployment as one of the causes for drug abuse.

Colonel Nazif Shraideh of the Anti-Narcotic and Forgery Control Department said that most of the 369 people arrested during the first six months of this year on charges of drug

abuse and its circulation are young people.

According to figures provided by Col. Shraideh, 2,170 kilogrammes of hashish, 9,900 kilogrammes of hashish oil, 1,581 kilogrammes of heroine, 6,400 kilogrammes of hashish dust and 16 kilogrammes of cocaine, were confiscated during the reported period.

'Burundi leaders committed to peace' Pentagon defends B-2 bomber

ADDIS ABABA (R) — U.N. chief Boutros Ghali ended his Africa tour Tuesday saying he was sure that leaders in Burundi were committed to reconciliation and avoiding an ethnic bloodbath as suffered by Rwanda.

"I am convinced that there is a political will among the leaders of the Burundi community to consolidate national reconciliation and avoid conflicts," Dr. Ghali told a news conference before flying to Geneva to focus his attention on the worsening crisis in Bosnia.

The U.N. chief said his talks in Burundi, which has the same ethnic makeup as Rwanda where up to one million people died in ethnic killings last year, centred on how to make peace between members of the Hutu and Tutsi tribes.

"I had constructive and positive discussions with all Burundi leaders including the military, the opposition and the government," Dr. Ghali said.

During his visit he announced an inquiry into 22 months of slaughter that followed the assassination of Burundi's first freely-elected Hutu president, Melchior Ndadaye, by Tutsi troops in October 1993.

Some 500,000 people were killed in the two months after



U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali (3rd right) is greeted by a group of people in Bujumbura. Dr. Ghali left Burundi after announcing the creation of a commission of inquiry into the

Mr. Ndadaye's death and tens of thousands have died since then.

The inquiry was the only result to emerge from Dr. Ghali's talks with Burundi's feuding parties but diplomats said it alone would not stop killings.

The secretary-general said he held talks with Ethiopian President Meles Zenawi on the political situation on the

world's poorest continent. Mr. Meles is current chairman of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

He said he had in particular discussed with Mr. Meles and OAU chief Salim Ahmad Salim the poor ties between Egypt and neighbouring Sudan.

The two countries have been locked in a war of words since a failed assassination attempt on Egyptian Presi-

dent Hosni Mubarak last month.

Dr. Ghali defended his decision to go ahead with the African tour despite the crisis in Bosnia.

The visit was a demonstration that the U.N. was paying the same attention to African problems as it was playing to European problems such as in former Yugoslavia.

Simpson's doctor undergoes searing cross-examination; Jurors see video

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors turned O.J. Simpson's trial court into a screening room, showing jurors scenes of Simpson marching, squatting and swinging his arms in exercise videotapes filmed less than three weeks before the murder of his ex-wife and her

More footage of the tapes, on which Simpson complained about his bad knees, was to be played Tuesday. The viewing capped a day in which Simpson's doctor was subjected to searing cross-examination about Simpson's arthritis, his football injuries and whether he had the physical capability to kill.

Dr. Robert Huizinga acknowledged Monday that when he examined Simpson, the ex-football star had seven small abrasions on the back of his left hand in addition to three cuts on the middle and ring fingers.

Dr. Huizinga, whose cross-examination included courtroom demonstrations, also said Simpson's arthritis would not have prevented him from yanking back his ex-wife's head by her blond hair and slassing her throat, as long as she was immobilized.

Under attack by a prosecutor who accused him of being an advocate for Simpson, the doctor acknowledged that while Simpson had severe physical limitations, none would have prevented him from attacking his ex-wife and her friend, Ronald Gold-

man.

At the end of the day, jurors paid rapt attention to the video. They took notes and never cracked even the slightest smile at Simpson's joking ad libs. Simpson shrugged, smiled and conferred with his lawyers while watching a monitor at the defence counsel table. Occasionally, his family members giggled at some of Simpson's banter on the tape.

The raw footage that went into what later became the "O.J. Simpson minimum maintenance fitness for men" was shown on the courtroom screen and included three camera angles of the same scene along with a time counter.

The doctor said it was "possible."

In contrast, Dr. Huizinga said Simpson's right hand showed no abrasions. A left-handed glove was found at the murder scene, its right-handed mate at Simpson's estate.

Dr. Huizinga also was asked if the cuts could have accounted for blood drops found in the foyer and on the driveway at Simpson's estate.

The doctor said that was conceivable but noted, "I've never seen someone cut themselves and just let bleed." Usually, he said, patients wrap such a wound immediately.

Jurors occasionally took notes and often looked at their own hands during Dr. Huizinga's testimony.

Prosecutor Brian Kelberg's cross-examination aimed to undermine a defence claim

Cambodian army retakes base

PHNOM PENH (AFP) — Government troops have reoccupied a key military position in the northwest province of Battambang captured by Khmer Rouge guerrillas earlier this month, the official news service Agence Khmer de Presse (AKP) reported Tuesday.

The hamlet of Treng, the last government outpost on National Route 10, the road leading from the provincial capital of Battambang to the Khmer Rouge stronghold at Pailin, was taken by the rebels on July 4.

On July 10, most of the 400 to 500 guerrillas holding the

base withdrew to reinforce positions near the Thai border that are still under heavy attack from the military.

The army was slowed in its advance on the nearly empty village by landmines and booby traps left by the retreating guerrillas, police and military officials said. AKP said Treng was fully occupied and controlled by the government Sunday.

Twelve government troops were killed in the effort to retake the position which lies about 42 kilometres southwest of Battambang town, AKP said.

Meanwhile in an effort to

stem a growing tide of defections, the leaders of the Khmer Rouge guerrilla faction have ordered that the families of those who switch sides be killed, according to military officials in the northern province of Siem Reap and recent defectors.

The policy was enacted in late 1994 after the passage of a law outlawing the group led to a growing number of guerrillas to defect before a January amnesty deadline.

Officials told the Cambodia Daily newspaper that the faction's deadly policy was intended to intimidate others from defecting.

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23 injured in Rio navy arms depot blast

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — In a scene one witness likened to a "war movie," explosions tore through the Brazilian Navy's primary arms depot on an island 200 metres offshore.

Despite early reports of casualties, the navy said no one was killed or missing in the explosions. Twenty-three military personnel were hospitalised for minor injuries,

the navy spokesman, Capt. Eurico Wellington Liberatti, said.

TV Globo, quoting the Navy Ministry, said as many as 40 people were on the island. Initial reports citing unidentified navy officials had put that figure at 100.

Thirty-seven homes on Boqueirao Island, the site of the explosions Sunday evening, also were destroyed, TV Glo-

bo said. "The wounded were hugging each other and crying," said state Congressman Jose Morais, commodore of the nearby Guanabara Yacht Club. "It looked like a war movie here."

The detonations began about 5:30 p.m. and lasted 90 minutes, creating a large cloud. They were felt up to 10 miles (16.1 kilometres) away. Smaller explosions continued hours afterward.

Mr. Morais said members of his yacht club rescued a dozen injured navy cadets who swam from the island.

"We heard the screams but there was too much smoke to see anyone," Mr. Morais said. "There was so much gunpowder in the air that it got in the eyes."

The military has lost 69 soldiers killed and another 205 wounded since Operation Leap Forward was launched on July 9. The LTTE has admitted losing 97 rebels in the military campaign.

Military officials here said the Jaffna citizens' appeal would not have been without the consent of the LTTE which has iron-grip control over all organisations in Jaffna where they maintain their de facto state.

The latest bout of fighting started on April 19 when the LTTE called off six months of talks and resumed its protracted campaign for an independent homeland called Eelama in the island's northeast.

The state-run Lankapavath News Agency claimed 137 people were killed when an

Gunmen attack police station in Karachi

KARACHI, Pakistan (R) — Up to 1,000 gunmen opened fire on a police station in Pakistan's port city of Karachi overnight and fled after police fired back from the building's rooftop, police said Tuesday.

The gunmen attacked the Mominabad Police Station firing hundreds of rounds, but there were no casualties, a police spokesman said.

"Some 800 to 1,000 people attacked and fired gunshots by the Mominabad Police Station at midnight," a police spokesman said. "The attackers fired at the police station for 20 minutes."

The gunmen retreated after police used light machine

guns to repulse the attack, the spokesman said. The cause of the attack was not given and the gunmen were not identified.

Seven people, including two police officials, were killed in separate incidents in the violence-plagued city overnight, police said.

Unidentified gunmen kidnapped retired police official Raja Mohammad Ishaq from a bus and tortured him to death, they said. His body was found in a car in the volatile Gulbahar area.

Assistant Sub-Inspector Abdul Razzaq, 45, was shot dead in Gulbahar. He was kidnapped, blindfolded and his hands and feet were tied before he was shot, a police official said. His body was wrapped in a sack and dumped.

"Anyone who confronts us will meet the same fate," said an unidentified hand-written note found in the sack.

The latest killings raised the death toll to 175 this month and more than 1,100 this year, compared to some 800 in 1994.

As violence continued in the port city of 12 million people, the government and the opposition Mohajirs, who migrated from India at partition in 1947.

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Features

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Weeks after quake, survivors await deliverance by Russian government

By David Germain
The Associated Press

NEFTEGORSK, Russia — Since an earthquake leveled this city, there has been no release for survivors who linger in the ruins, pleading for a distant bureaucracy to find them new homes far from this place.

The 7.5 magnitude quake May 28 killed two-thirds of the 3,000 people who live in Neftegorsk, on the northern tip of Sakhalin Island along Russia's Pacific coast, 6,500 kilometers from Moscow.

About 300 people remain, milling about as bulldozers rumble through town cleaning up what little the quake left behind.

The people complain of boredom, of the relentless summer mosquitoes, of outdated juice canned in 1990 that arrived among relief supplies, of humanitarian

aid they claim was shipped from around the world but never arrived here.

Mostly, they complain about a government that has kept them in the dark about when they will be resettled. Many say they want homes on Russia's mainland, away from Sakhalin and the chance of another quake.

"We still live here now and we don't have energy to do anything else," said Valentina Velikanova, whose daughter, mother and niece died in the quake. "We finally buried every body, and now we don't have anything to do or anywhere to go. We feel like we've been left behind."

The people of Neftegorsk had a diversion last week when Sakhalin Gov. Igor Farkhutdinov toured the ruined city with Alaska Gov. Tony Knowles, who delivered 9,000 kilograms of medical supplies

gathered by residents of his state.

Mr. Farkhutdinov tried to leave without meeting survivors, but they faced him down at his helicopter and demanded answers.

"We have been waiting for you, and now it seems you are leaving," a woman shouted at Mr. Farkhutdinov as the governor was surrounded by about 100 residents.

"You don't have to complain," Mr. Farkhutdinov snapped. "If you want to talk, let's talk. Don't get angry. If you come to complain, I cannot accept your complaint."

Mr. Farkhutdinov then spent an hour fielding questions and assuring residents the government was doing all it could.

"The ministry of Finance is moving slowly, and it's a long way away," he said, referring to the agency trying to come up with 100

billion rubles — about \$22 million — to find housing for quake survivors.

The earthquake collapsed block after block of shoddy high-rise apartment buildings constructed under Soviet rule 30 years ago. Most of the townships lived in them, and most died there.

On the ninth day after the quake, officials held a service for the victims, to mark the separation of soul from body, in keeping with Russian Orthodox tradition, said Anatoli Briskin, who oversees police and security forces on Sakhalin Island. On the 40th day, they marked the passage of souls from this earth, he said.

Near what used to be the centre of town is one of the last new things that will ever be built in this quake-prone region, a cemetery where dirt mounds are marked by wooden crosses

and already fading ribbons.

The government decided to raze the remaining buildings and leave only the graves and a memorial at the site.

Wandering among the dead was Vika Olesik, whose 8-year-old son, Leo, was killed along with her brother and her husband's parents. Ms. Olesik and her husband were out of town when the quake hit, and they had left the boy with his grandparents.

Ms. Olesik does not know if her son, who was nearly 9, and her in-laws were killed by the quake or a fire that broke out in their collapsed apartment building right after.

Days after the quake, her son's charred bones were found in the ruins.

"I wish they would have died in the earthquake because I think it would have been more terrible to burn," Ms. Olesik said.

Many people burned alive in the rubble.

CLOSE BY THE GRAVEYARD,

unused, plank coffins are piled on the muddy ground. A scruffy cat pokes among the rubble of a shop where a broken cash register protrudes from the stones.

Among the debris is a discarded mask worn by a rescue worker to cover the stench of the corpses. In a moment of dark humour during the rescue, someone stuck one of the masks on a statue of Soviet founder Vladimir Lenin, whose likeness still stands in a barren patch of dirt where work crews have cleared away the rubble of collapsed buildings.

A baby stroller and a tricycle lie overturned on a lawn. The dead included about 300 children.

"At our school, all the grades now would have more than five chil-

dren," Mr. Velikanova said. "Almost all the children died."

TWELVE CHILDREN ORPHANED by the quake already have been adopted, and 3,000 people around Russia have offered to adopt 59 others who lost their families. The orphans include 4-month-old Artyom Degtyer, who was pulled from the ruins of the house, where his parents died.

All survivors will have to be out of Neftegorsk by the end of September, when the region's harsh winter sets in and the dachas will provide little shelter, he said.

"After that, Neftegorsk will just go gone," Mr. Belonosov said.

Despite the government's promises, the people of Neftegorsk left their meeting with the Sakhalin governor feeling no better.

"Considering this is Russia, and considering the way the financial situation is, this is probably as good as we can expect," said one survivor, Sergei Vishnevsky.

The government hoped

Sri Lanka under pressure to end war against Tigers

By Rohan Gunasekera
Reuter

COLOMBO — International pressure could force Sri Lanka to suspend an army offensive against Tamil Tiger separatists if the rebels sue for peace, defence officials said.

The government says it is investigating the church bombing.

Western countries, Australia and Russia expressed concern last week about the loss of civilian life in the offensive, now pushing close to the northern guerrilla stronghold of Jaffna, and urged both sides to return to the negotiating table.

Defence analysts said the military were worried the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels could try to buy time by offering to resume talks and regain international sympathy by alleging large-scale civilian casualties in the offensive.

"If civilian casualties mount the international community will complain," former air force chief Air Marshal Harry Goonetilleke told Reuters. "Go for the terrorists by all means but protect civilians."

A senior Jaffna churchman said 121 people died when the air force bombed a Catholic church packed with refugees last week, when some 10,000 troops, backed by tanks, artillery and air support launched an offensive against the Tigers.

"Naturally we are con-

cerned about the civilians," a Western diplomat said. "The bombing of the church was particularly shocking, but as long as it is not repeated and the incident is investigated, it won't be harmful to the government."

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The army advanced to within six km of Jaffna town by week's end, having captured more territory from the rebels who are fighting for an independent homeland for minority Tamils in the north and east.

"We prefer that the offensive be stopped and negotiations be resumed to find a political settlement but for that there have to be two cooperative parties," the diplomat added.

The independent Sunday Island newspaper quoted Deputy Defence Minister Anuruddha Ratwatte as telling government ministers last week that the army will continue its offensive since it had been pushed into the war.

It said Mr. Ratwatte had replied with a firm "No" when asked if the government could stop the offensive if the Tamil Tigers offers to resume peace talks.

The government has said it will soon unveil its long-awaited "peace package" devolving power to satisfy minority Tamil demands for autonomy to try to end the

12-year ethnic war in which more than 50,000 people have died.

The government's plan seems to be to launch a big offensive against the Tamil Tigers, announce a big victory and then unveil its political solution to end the war, defence analysts said.

The offensive appears to be part of the government's overall political strategy to set the stage for its political package," analyst Ram Manikkalingam said recently. "The government probably feels it requires a show of military strength."

Relief workers and church officials said civilian casualties had been heavy since the army launched "Operation Leap Forward".

More than 3,000 badly wounded people had arrived at the Jaffna hospital for treatment and some 300,000 fled their homes to escape bombing and shelling, they said.

Mr. Goonetilleke said he does not believe the Tigers will resume peace talks but added the government could lose international sympathy as well as the support of the Tamils if civilians are hurt in the fighting.

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Israeli government was taking slow peace strides with the Palestinians until Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat "ensures an end to terrorism" and can guarantee the security of Israelis," the sources added.

Shas is an ultra-religious, non-Zionist Sephardi party established before the elections to the 11th Knesset (1984) in protest over the inappropriate representation of the Sephardi sector in the "Agudat Yisrael" list; it is believed to be a power-broker in Israeli policy.

While considering to enter the battle of the coming presidential elections in Israel in 1996, Shas has not yet decided who it will ally itself with in order to kick the balance out of either the Likud or Labour parties, the main rivals over leadership in the Jewish state, Israeli diplomats said.

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Sudan, noting that the Jordanian government was in touch with the two governments to defuse the dispute, according to Dr. Ensour.

In reply to a question about Jordanian relations with Gulf states, Dr. Ensour said that these relations were progressing and improving gradually, noting that relations with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are expected to improve "especially as Jordan strives to maintain the strongest possible ties with all Arab states and highly values the UAE's assistance to the Kingdom."

As to Kuwait, Dr. Ensour said that Jordanians harbour brotherly feelings towards its people and hope that the two countries will transcend the events of the past and work for a better future.

Referring to Iraq, Dr. Ensour said that the committee is deeply concerned over Iraqi people's conditions and calls for an end to their suffering.

The United States, unwilling to fight on the ground, was studying the French appeal for helicopters to airlift troops to Gorazde but this would need congressional approval, which was unlikely.

Government Sarajevo Radio reported two people were seriously wounded in Serb shelling of Gorazde on Tuesday.

Another U.N.-designated "safe area" — Bihać in Western Bosnia — came under attack on Monday with 154 explosions recorded around the Bihać town area, Col. Coward said. A number of SA-2 and SA-6 missiles were used ground-to-ground, causing six casualties.

Bosnian Parliament Speaker Miro Lazovic sent a letter to the U.N. general assembly demanding to know if the U.N. intended to act or not to defend Bosnian Muslims.

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Foreign minister briefs Cabinet on Saudi visit

AMMAN (Petra) — Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Al Kabriti on Tuesday briefed the Cabinet on the outcome of his visit this week to Saudi Arabia and meetings with senior Saudi officials. The Cabinet, holding a regular session under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, voiced hope that Jordanian-Saudi relations will be back to normal soon. After the briefing by Mr. Kabriti, the Council of Ministers took several decisions which included its approval of an updated investments law. The draft law will be referred along with other customs-related laws related to the Kingdom's economic reform programme to Parliament for endorsement. The draft law aims to attract investors to the Kingdom through several measures, which include giving them tax exemptions in the less developed areas of the Kingdom. The draft law divided the Kingdom into three development regions to achieve that end. The Council of Ministers also decided to appoint Musa Al Jagheer as an advisor at the Prime Ministry.

Pollard's wife applies for Israeli citizenship

TEL AVIV (AP) — The wife of Jonathan Pollard, the U.S. naval intelligence analyst serving a life sentence for spying for Israel, on Tuesday asked Israel's interior minister to grant her husband citizenship. Esther Pollard, who married Mr. Pollard in jail two years ago, told the Associated Press she hoped Israeli citizenship would help her husband's case when he comes before a parole board this fall. Mr. Pollard, arrested in 1985, has admitted giving Israel thousands of documents containing information on Arab countries. The case is sensitive in Israel, which relies heavily on U.S. financial and political support. Some Israelis contend the government has done too little to win his release. Interior Minister David Libai said after meeting with Esther Pollard that the government will consider the request and pledged to continue pressing for Jonathan Pollard's release.

Sheikh of Al Azhar warns of a "crusader war" in Bosnia

CAIRO (AFP) — The Sheikh of Al Azhar, Sunni Islam's highest authority, warned on Tuesday of a "war of crusades" in Bosnia if the United Nations does not take a stand against Bosnian Serbs. Sheikh Gad Al Haq Ali Gad Al Haq urged the U.N. General Assembly to meet to "discuss the aggression against Bosnia and to take an international stand to stop the slaughter." Quoted in the official Egyptian news agency MENA, Sheikh Gad Al Haq said "international agencies" must "take immediate steps to stop the Serb aggression and remove (their) troops from lands they have occupied."

Arafat due in Paris for birth of his first child

PARIS (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat will visit Paris on July 26 and 27, when his wife Suha is expected to deliver their first child, diplomatic sources said on Tuesday. Suha Arafat has been in Paris, where her mother lives, for several weeks. Mr. Arafat's press adviser, Nabil Abu Rudeineh, told Reuters that Mr. Arafat had been invited last month to make an official visit to France on July 27. He is expected to meet President Jacques Chirac and Foreign Minister Hervé de Charette, the sources said.

Rabin appoints two new ministers

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reshuffled his cabinet on Tuesday appointing former military chief of staff Ehud Barak as interior minister and Yossi Beilin as economy minister, officials said. Lieutenant General Barak, 53, retired from the army in January after four years in the top job and was immediately tipped for a role in the Labour coalition government. Mr. Rabin, who is defence minister, has a close relationship with Mr. Barak.

their camp beds," an exasperated official said.

"There are numerous similar incidents in which equipment for French or British units is being held up in ports, where huge taxes are being demanded for their use,"

Impossible conditions are being set, including bans on live-fire exercises and requests for four days of pre-warning for units to be allowed to move around," the aide told Reuters.

The report followed a comment by General Andre Equibar, French RRF commander, to the newspaper Le Figar that both Croatian and Bosnian Muslim authorities have hampered the movement of his force.

The foreign legionnaires preparing for a possible rescue of Bosnian Muslims under Serb threat have had to sleep on the ground for several weeks now because Bosnian and Croatian authorities are preventing delivery of

Mr. Belkin, a noted peace dove and protege of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, played a major role in secret negotiations which produced the 1993 Declaration of Principles for Palestinian autonomy. He takes over the economy portfolio from Shimon Shetreet, who keeps the Religious Affairs Ministry.

Fundamentalist leader killed in Algeria — report

ALGIERS (AFP) — A leader of one of Algeria's main armed fundamentalist groups has been killed by a rival faction, the daily La Tribune said here Tuesday. But the death of Islamic Salvation Army (AIS) chief Azzedine Baia at the hands of the more extreme Armed Islamic Group (GIA) had little mitigating effect on violence in the country, with other newspapers reporting Tuesday that armed fundamentalists had blown up a bridge near the capital. The Issers bridge on a main trunk road was blown up early Monday in a further sign of the increasing campaign armed groups are waging against targets of Algerian infrastructure, the Algerian Libre newspaper said.

U.S. heat wave toll hits 367

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The death toll from the worst heat wave to hit the United States in 15 years climbed Tuesday to 367 and U.S. authorities fear it will go even higher despite a cooling trend in much of the country. Illinois Governor Jim Edgar declared Cook County, which includes the city of Chicago, a state disaster area after more than 179 heat-related deaths were reported. State officials believe the death toll could likely reach 300.

Thousands protest Kashmiri militant's death

SRINAGAR, India (Agencies) — Thousands of Kashmiri Muslims took to the streets Tuesday to protest the killing of a Muslim guerrilla leader sought by Indian authorities, witnesses said. Angry protesters, including scores of women, marched through Batmaloo district shouting anti-government slogans and calling for Kashmir's independence after officials announced the death of Akhtar Hussain Bhat. Mr. Bhat, alias Chacha (Uncle), was a top leader of Al-Umar Mujahideen, a pro-Pakistan militant group in Kashmir. Indian security forces had been hunting for him since 1990.

Australian embassy in Lebanon reopens

BEIRUT (R) — Australia reopened its Beirut embassy on Tuesday, 11 years after it closed at the height of the 1975-90 Lebanese civil war. The reopening in mainly Muslim west Beirut was witnessed by Australian Foreign Affairs Minister Gareth Evans and Immigration and Ethnic Affairs Minister Nick Bolkus, both of whom arrived in Beirut on Monday.

Somalia's Aideed trying to set up national army

MOGADISHU (R) — Somali warlord Mohamed Farah Aideed is collecting "technical" battle wagons from supporters in a first move towards reviving Somalia's broken national army, aides said on Tuesday. The warlord, who controls only a small

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Jordan's 1995 growth spurred by Mideast peace

AMMAN (R) — Jordan's economy, its private sector activity boosted by Middle East peace, is expected to grow six per cent in 1995, the Central Bank said on Tuesday.

The bank, in its newly-released 1995 annual report, forecast gross domestic product (GDP) would rise 6 per cent as the private sector begins to respond to a better business climate in wake of the October 1994 peace treaty with Israel.

GDP rose 5.7 per cent in 1994, slightly exceeding an International Monetary Fund (IMF) target by 0.02 per cent for that year, with inflation falling to 4.00 per cent from the IMF target of 5.00 per cent for 1994, the report said.

The IMF has set a growth target of 5.00 per cent in 1995.

Jordan's private sector has so far been cautious in reacting to an improved investment climate after the peace treaty, with many firms still adopting a wait-and-see attitude until its full benefits

unfold.

The report said the forecast growth was based on investment growth of 27.4 per cent to GDP and a consequent rise of five per cent in national savings.

The budget deficit to GDP ratio was also forecast to drop to 4.1 per cent in 1995 from 5.9 per cent in 1994.

On monetary policy, the bank — having applied a tight fiscal policy to rein in inflation — said it would continue to control expansion of credit and preserve a stable dinar policy.

The bank intended to "continues pursuing a flexible and effective interest rate policy that keeps a suitable margin between interest on dinar assets and dollar assets."

The report said that although exports were expected to rise 15 per cent in 1995, the trade deficit — reaching JD 1,362 million in 1994 — was forecast to rise with an eight per cent rise in the import bill.

The bank forecast the economy would continue to achieve sustainable growth, with average growth rates above 5.8 per cent.

World Bank lending jumps over 8%

WASHINGTON (R) — The World Bank said on Monday that loan approvals jumped by over eight per cent in 1994/95, paced by big increases in credits to Latin America, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

For the year that ended on June 30, the bank said it approved \$22.5 billion new loans to developing nations, compared to \$20.8 billion in the previous fiscal year.

China was the biggest borrower from the World Bank in 1994/95, to the tune of nearly \$3 billion, followed by

Mexico, India, Russia and Argentina.

World Bank President James Wolfensohn said the numbers only tell part of the story of the full-scale relationship between his organisation and developing nations in the drive to reduce poverty and promote economic growth.

"It is clear, however, that sustained high levels of support will be needed if we are to continue helping the poorest people in the world to get a chance for a better life," Mr. Wolfensohn added in a statement.

World Bank lending to Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union also jumped sharply in the 1994/95 fiscal year, by 20 per cent to \$4.5 billion. Russia

Income from Egyptian transfers up to \$2.5b

CAIRO (AFP) — Transfers of money from Egyptians working abroad amounted to \$2.5 billion for the first nine months of fiscal year 1994/95, an 8.7 per cent increase over the previous year, officials said Monday.

Prime Minister Atef Sidqi, who announced the figures in the government daily Al Ahram, said transfers in 1993/94 had totalled \$2.3 billion.

Sidqi said the government's total foreign currency holdings had increased and that the surplus has been put in central bank reserves.

"Inflation rates, (currently) 8 per cent, will continue to recede over the coming period," Mr. Sidqi said.

Income from Egypt's other larger foreign currency earners, the Suez canal and tourism, totalled \$1.9 billion and \$1.4 billion respectively in fiscal year 1993/94, according to central bank figures. Oil revenue in the same period totalled \$1.5 billion.

The current account deficit is expected to fall to five per cent of GDP in 1995, the bank said. It was JD 149.8 million lower than the IMF target for 1994, with a drop of 5.4 per cent of GDP against a forecast 8.9 per cent.

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accounted for \$1.7 billion and Ukraine \$646 million.

Fresh loans to the Asia and Pacific regions were little changed in 1994/95, at about \$8.7 billion. But the regions housed two of the three largest borrowers — China and India, with some \$2.1 billion in new credits.

Africa, though, suffered a decline of about half a billion dollars in new loan approvals, to \$2.3 billion. The bank blamed slower-than-anticipated economic reforms in several large African countries for the drop in lending.

Shippers' profits squeezed on Europe-Gulf route

DUBAI (R) — Shipping lines moving cargo from Europe to the Gulf say they are battling to return to the healthy profits they once made, as volumes remain depressed after years of regional recession and competition heats up.

"It directly reflects the slowdown in the economies and the trade growth in the Gulf. The economies here are in recession," the managing director of a large European line said.

"The competition has increased as more and more lines start services to the Gulf," a shipping agent said.

"There's excess capacity and demand is down," said another.

The oil boom of the 1970s

and the construction and spending spree which followed encouraged many lines to start services to the Gulf. Imports to the region rocketed and ship capacity was filled, driving rates up.

But soft oil prices and the slowdown in infrastructure development in the past few years has left lines forcing rates lower to attract business.

The situation has been deteriorating rapidly since early 1994. If they are breaking even they're lucky," a shipping representative said.

"Now it's not profitable at all," said another.

"Even though they agree to charge a certain rate, there is plenty of undercutting," said a shipping agent.

They said Gulf ports were missing out on a recovery in cargo volumes to Saudi Arabia, the biggest market in the region, where most imports come through the Red Sea port of Jeddah.

They said many lines were losing money on cargo destined for the smaller Gulf ports, particularly those in the northern Gulf.

"It's not worth our while to go to smaller ports. A 4,000 TEU ship is not going to go to Kuwait to drop off only 50 boxes."

In the past all Gulf ports

were covered and the rates to them were the same. But now there are occasions where lines are refusing cargo to some ports in the upper Gulf," one said.

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U.S., Brazil head to semis

PAYSANDU, Uruguay (Agencies) — The United States, once a laughingstock of international soccer, is now just two wins from becoming South America's champion.

Backed by outstanding goalkeeping from Brad Friedel, the United States beat Mexico 4-1 on penalty kicks Monday night and will play Brazil in the semifinals of the America Cup.

The United States and Mexico played to a 0-0 tie in regulation, then Friedel took over during penalty kicks, saving two of three shots and keeping the Americans alive for the South American title.

The United States, which failed to escape the first round in the 1993, and Mexico were invited to the 12-nation tournament, one of soccer's showcase events.

"A lot of people were talking about last time we were in Copa America and didn't win a game," U.S. midfielder John Harkes said. "For us to come this far as a team together — the full squad, everyone pulling together — it's one of the biggest triumphs ever for the U.S. squad."

In Thursday night's semifinal at Maldonado, the United States faces a rematch with World Cup champion Brazil. In last summer's World Cup, the United States lost 1-0 to Brazil in the second round.

The Brazilians beat Argentina, the two-time defending champions, in Monday night's other quarterfinal, winning 4-2 on penalty kicks after regulation ended 2-2 in River.

The other America Cup semifinal is Uruguay vs. Colombia on Wednesday night in Montevideo.

The United States produced one of its finest wins on Friday night with a 3-0 decision over Argentina. Even before that upset, Argentine great Diego Maradona marveled at the progress of U.S. soccer.

The victory over Argentina sent the Americans into the quarterfinals, and now they are in the semifinals of a major international tournament for the first time since the 1990 World Cup.

Frank Klopas had the deciding penalty kick for the Americans against Mexican goalie Jorge Campos. The previous U.S. penalty kicks were by Eric Wynalda, Joe-Max Moore and Paul Caligiuri.

The United States fielded an attacking lineup against Mexico in keeping with philosophy of interim coach Steve Sampson, who replaced Bora Milutinovic in April.

And although no goals were produced the result makes a compelling case for Sampson to be awarded the permanent coaching job. In the first round of the Amer-

ica Cup, the United States beat Chile and Argentina and lost to Bolivia.

"We did not have the same sharpness as we did in previous matches," Sampson said. "Some key players looked very tired for us. That is the result of playing so many games in a short period of time."

Monday night's victory marked the third straight time the United States has defeated Mexico. The United States is 5-1-1 since its regular players rejoined the national team in June.

After Wynalda and Luis Garcia of Mexico converted penalty kicks in the first round, Friedel followed with two exceptional saves. Moore put the U.S. squad up 2-1, then Carlos Hermosillo fired a bullet to the left that friedel punched away.

After Caligiuri made it 3-1, friedel came up with an even bigger save, using his left hand to stop a shot low and to the right. Klopas then delivered the winner, the fourth straight American to score and the only one who shot to the left.

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"I talked to a couple of (U.S.) players who play in Mexico," Friedel said. "They told me that Luis Garcia had a tendency to go to my left. Well, he changed. They told me Hermosillo has a tendency to go to my right. He didn't change. And cayote I had no idea. I just reacted to that one."

Campos, whose trademark is loud fluorescent goalie shirts and who intends to play in the U.S. pro league next year, didn't get a hand on any of the four American penalty kicks.

During regulation, Wynalda came closest scoring in the 40th minute. He left three defenders in his trail, but Campos made a fine save. In the next attack, Mexico's Luis Salvador sent a low shot that rebounded off Friedel's legs.

Mexico, a losing finalist in 1993, intensified the pressure in the second half. With seconds remaining, Mexico's Alberto Garcia Aspe was ejected for a hard tackle on Alex Lalas.

In the Brazil-Argentina game, Edmundo scored the winning penalty kick after Brazilian goalkeeper Taffarel saved shots by Argentina's Diego Simeone and Nestor Fabbri.

Brazil's Tulio tied it 2-2 during regulation with a disputed goal in the 82nd minute. It appeared the striker blatantly controlled a cross with his arm before scoring.

Brazil got its opening goal from Edmundo in the 13th minute. For Argentina, Abel Balbo scored in the second minute and Gabriel Batistuta in the 30th.

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"We tried to play to win the game. One team wanted to play football, the other wanted to kick."

Asked by an Argentine reporter about Tulio's goal, he said: "Did you ask Maradona the same question after that World Cup?"

"I have only one thing to say. The winners celebrate, the losers look for excuses. In football, you have to go out to win."

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Canadians sprint out of Johnson era

TORONTO (AP) — Elated by the world's fastest 100-metre times this year, two Canadian sprinters hope at long last to escape the shadow of the Ben Johnson scandal with medals at the upcoming World Championships in Sweden.

Even seven years after the steroids case that shook the Seoul Olympics, Canadian track and field remains scarred by the Johnson debacle. Athletes who set national records routinely face drug tests in an effort to reassure a suspicious public.

"We've come a long way since 1988," said Donovan Bailey after his Canadian record 9.91 in the national championships Saturday.

"There's no way any sprinter or athlete in Canada would be that illiterate to try and fool the people again."

Right on Bailey's heels in Saturday's race was Brian Surin in 9.97, the second fastest time in the world this year.

"I can't be sad about being

second," Surin said. "I've been looking to run under 10 seconds for years."

Bailey recalled his intense dismay when he learned of the Johnson scandal.

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Surin is relatively well-known — a three-time national champion who finished fourth at 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. Bailey, by contrast, admitted that he hadn't lived up to his potential until last year.

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Sports

Casartelli dies after Tour de France fall

CAUTERETS, France (AP) — Italy's Fabio Casartelli died Tuesday after a high-speed crash involving several riders during the 15th stage of the Tour de France, according to the race director.

Casartelli, of the American Motorola team, was taken to a hospital after crashing into one of the concrete blocks on the side of the road in the Pyrenees.

"He died after being in a coma for a few hours. 'It's terrible news,'" said Jean-Marie Leblanc, the director of the Tour de France.

"Dr. Nicolet, who was with him in the helicopter, called me and told me that their revival attempts were unsuccessful. Casartelli had three cardiac arrests in the helicopter," Leblanc said.

"It's terrible for the Motorola team, for Italian cycling and for the Tour de France."

It was the first death on the Tour de France since 1967, when British rider Tom Simpson collapsed during a mountain climb on an extremely hot day.

In 1935 another rider, Francesco Cepeda of Spain, died after a fall in a ravine.

He was flown by helicopter to a hospital in Tarbes.

"He has serious facial and skull injuries," Tour doctor Gerard Porte said. "He went into a deep and immediate coma."

Casartelli, who was married, was the Olympic champion in the road race at the 1992 Barcelona Games. Porte said Rezez injured his left thigh, while Baldinger suffered multiple injuries.

In Italy, former world champion Vittorio Adorni, now an Italian television commentator, was close to tears as he announced Casartelli's death during a live telecast of Tuesday's stage.

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Tour de France accidents

A list of serious and fatal accidents during the Tour de

descents of the 206-kilometre (128-mile) stage from St. Giron to Cauterets.

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France since its start in 1903: 1935 — Spain's Francesco Cepeda died after falling into a ravine near Bourg d'Oisans.

1951 — Dutchman Wim Van Est was seriously injured when he fell on a descent in Aubisque.

1960 — France's Roger Riviere, on his way to victory, fell into a ravine while crossing the Perjuret Pass (Millau-Avignon Stage). A fractured pelvis put an end to his career.

1967 — British Tom Simpson died after collapsing during an intensive mountain climb on an excessively hot day.

1995 — Italy's Fabio Casartelli died after crashing on the descent of the Portet d'Aspet mountain.

Other fatal accidents of past tours not involving competitors:

1957 — Radio reporter Alex Virot and his motorcycle driver, Rene Wagner, fell into a ravine and died during the Barcelona-ax-Les Thermes stage.

1964 — A truck in the tour's caravan ran out of control and plowed into a crowd of onlookers, killing 10.

Patrick

McEnroe advances

WASHINGTON, D.C. (R) — Patrick McEnroe advanced easily and Paul Goldstein lost a longshot chance to become a millionaire in first-round action at the Legg Mason Tennis Classic on Monday.

The 11th-seeded McEnroe used consistent groundstrokes and a strong first serve to beat Germany's Alexander Mronz 6-3, 6-2.

"I know I'm prepared and I know I'm hitting the ball well. Somebody's going to have to beat me," said McEnroe.

Thirteenth seed Patrick Rafter of Australia survived a scare from American qualifier Don Johnson before winning 1-6, 7-5, 6-3 while 15th seed Vince Spadea of the United States fell to Australian Jamie Morgan 6-4, 6-1.

Top seed in the tournament is Andre Agassi, who opens play against Rodolphe Gilbert of France on Wednesday.

In the absence of any top stars on Monday, the fans were most excited by the match in which Goldstein, a 19-year-old university student, dropped a hasty contested match to Venezuela's Nicolas Pereira 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Goldstein, a resident of nearby Rockville, Maryland, earned a wild card into the main draw by winning a local pre-tournament event and would have pocketed \$1 million had he won the main tournament, too.

"(The money) really wasn't on my mind," Goldstein said. "Maybe if I had won a couple of matches it would have been there. Maybe if I'd thought about it a little more I would have been more psyched."

Pereira fought back from a one-set deficit in front of a completely pro-Goldstein crowd. The fan support gave Goldstein the momentum early on, but the lack of a powerful first serve proved his undoing.

"The crowd was great but I didn't give them much to holler and cheer about," Goldstein said.

Boos for Christie highlight crisis

LONDON (AP) — British track and field is in turmoil, three weeks before the World Championships in Sweden.

Sally Gunnell is injured and will not defend her 400-metre hurdles title. 100-metre champion Linford Christie is in a "panic" because of a knee problem, and 110-metre hurdles triathlete Colin Jackson is at the centre of controversy.

Jackson was left off the team named Monday for the Aug. 4-13 Championships in Gothenburg.

The world record-holder withdrew from the National Championships in Birmingham on Saturday after running a heat, citing a groin injury. But he flew to Padua, Italy, and won a 110-hurdles race Sunday, receiving a reported \$35,000 fee.

The British Athletics Federation team selectors said Jackson could be reinstated to the team if he proves his competitive fitness.

That angered BAF executive chairman Peter Radford, further splitting the sport.

"The selectors have made some questionable decisions. I do not believe these decisions are correct," Radford said.

"It is self evident that Jackson is selling the sport short," Radford said. "Nor do I believe it is in the best interest of the sport or the other

athletes to select athletes for the World Championships who do not compete fully in the championships trials and whose fitness is still an issue.

"Events of last weekend have serious implications for the future of the championships/trials and for British athletics."

Christie, the world and Olympic 100-metre champion, was boozed by some fans Saturday when he won his race as a "guest."

He failed to qualify for the semifinals when he eased up in his heat and finished fourth in 10.93. He requested and was given a "guest" lane in the final which he won in the fast, and seemingly injury-free, time of 10.18. But the crowd's reception indicated the public is growing weary of Christie's appetite for controversy.

"I'm running in pain," he said. "It's taking too long to clear up and I'm beginning to panic. I could do without this three weeks before the World Championships."

Gunnell, still nobbyled by an Achilles tendon injury, confirmed that she won't be fit enough to run the 400-metre hurdles, she may run in the 1,600-metre relay.

"I've decided I can't get into shape to retain the title," Gunnell said. "It's very disappointing, but I've missed about two months training and the tendon is still jarring when I'm hurdling."

The one piece of good news from the weekend was the continued form of middle distance runner Kelly Holmes. She won the 800 in 1:57.56, the fastest time in the world this year, and plans to double up in the 1,500 in Goteborg as well.

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World Basketball Championship

Jordan lose 68-60 to Asian champions

By Aleen Banayan
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Kingdom's Under-18 basketball team lost by a mere 8 points to Asian champions South Korea late Monday night in the second round of the 5th Junior World Basketball Championship currently underway in Greece.

Korea won the first half 36-32 and went on to win 68-60 as Jordan's Ma'an Odeh had 21 points and Zeid Alkhas 20 points.

Other players were held to low scoring as Ihab Mshieh had 8, Fadi Saqqa 6, Ashraf Samarah 3 and Sameer Nino 2.

With South Korea committing a high number of 19 fouls, Jordan scored 10 out of 15 free throws at 66 per cent but shooting was held to 50 per cent with only 19 out of 38 and only 4 out of

13 three-point shots.

In other matches Nigeria beat Italy 59-57, Puerto Rico scored a 123-120 win over China in triple overtime, and Venezuela beat Angola 95-86.

In the preliminary round, Jordan had finished last in Group C after losing to titleholders the U.S. 61-51, Australia 78-35 and Italy 87-64.

The Kingdom's team is now playing 9-16th places with South Korea, China, Puerto Rico in one group and Venezuela, Nigeria, Italy and Angola in another.

Sixteen teams are taking part in the championship. The top eight moved into the semi-finals and will play for 1-8th places. They are: Lithuania, Argentina, Australia, Spain, Croatia, France, the U.S. and Greece.

Jordan, the third place

finishter in the Asian Championship in March is representing the continent along with China and S. Korea.

The U-18 team is the first to represent Jordan in a world championship, and only the third Arab country to qualify for the World Basketball Championship. Egypt finished last in Sao Paulo in 1979 while Syria

came in 12th among 16 in the 1992 championship in Canada.

Jordan's team includes Zeid Alkhas, Ma'an Odeh, Ashraf Samarah, Sameer Nino, Ihab Mshieh, Ramzi Ghneim, Fadi Al Saqqa, Zeid Zu'mot, Ra'ed Ghoseh, Ziyad Naghjoj, and Seif Lada.

Match statistics		
	Jordan	S. Korea
Fast Breaks	1/3	3/7
Fouls	16	19
Rebounds	28	19
Assists	5	11
Turnovers	20	18
Steals	11	9
Blocks	1	0
Possessions	87	74
Free throws	10/15 (66%)	2/3 (66%)
2-point shots	19/38 (50%)	18/30 (60%)
3-point shots	4/13 (30%)	10/22 (45%)

Italian Severini fails dope test

ROME (R) — Italian boxer Piero Severini has tested positive for the banned drug ephedrine after a domestic super-welterweight title fight in April, an Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI) official said on Monday.

CONI's anti-doping committee secretary Alessandro Camilli said Severini, 25, failed a urine test after fighting holder Davide Ciarlante for the Italian super-welterweight title in Pozzuoli, near Naples, on April 24.

It was the second incident

involving the use of banned substances to hit Italian boxing, and in the same weight category, in recent months.

Former World Boxing Organisation (WBO) super-welterweight champion Gianfranco Rosi was banned for two years on Friday for testing positive after beating champion Verano Phillips of the United States in their title fight in May.

Severini was 13th in the European Boxing Union (EBU) rankings in May this year. Ciarlante was fourth. Their fight was stopped in

the sixth round after an accidental headbut and a controversial "no decision" outcome that left Ciarlante with the Italian title.

Camilli said both Severini will be heard by the commission on Wednesday.

He said the commission would also hear the cases of professional cyclist Walter Castagnola, three Italian-American football players and windsurf champion Riccardo Giordano who had also all tested positive for doping.

Italian ice skater Simona Allori, who reportedly refused a random dope test, would also be summoned.

FA considers only one qualifying round

SILVERSTONE (AP) — Michael Schumacher and Damon Hill can't keep out of each other's way on the circuit while Formula One leaders are considering more changes to the sport, like restricting drivers to only one qualifying round.

The Schumacher-Hill clash at Silverstone has re-fuelled their personal feud and may anger the fans of the two leading Formula One racers.

Last year, Hill and his Williams Renault team received death threats from Schumacher's fans and with the next round being on the German home territory, there is a threat that Sunday's drama could spark trouble.

"You have to take the threats seriously as we did last year, but we don't expect any problems," Williams

said.

This time Schumacher leads Hill by 11 points with half the season to go and therefore no suggestion that the British driver tried to knock the German off the track at Silverstone's pit stop.

"Both Frank Williams and Patrick Head are very supportive of Damon," Bradshaw said. "They appreciate the way he played the incident down, just like we did after Adelaide last year."

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Cairo detains 16 members of Muslim Brotherhood

CAIRO (AP) — In a fresh attempt to crack down on Islamic fundamentalist groups, security forces have detained 16 top members of the Muslim Brotherhood, police sources said Tuesday.

The sources, insisting on anonymity, said the suspects were seized after taking part in discussions of "terrorist plans." But the Brotherhood issued a statement saying the arrests were aimed at discrediting the group before upcoming parliamentary elections.

The arrests late Monday were the latest step in a government round-up of brotherhood members that began in January. Dozens have been detained, but it's not known how many remain in custody since some have been released and seized a second time.

The Brotherhood, Egypt's largest fundamentalist group, is officially outlawed but has been allowed to operate openly. It has publicly denounced violence, but officials have accused it of supporting Muslim radicals seeking to overthrow the government.

Despite the accusations, none of those arrested has been formally charged with any crime. It's not unusual in Egypt for suspects to be held during investigations before charges are filed.

The Brotherhood statement said eight of those arrested in the earlier roundups were expected to be brought before a court Wednesday to face possible charges.

The statement, telefaxed to the Associated Press, said the latest arrests, mostly of

local Brotherhood leaders in several Egyptian provinces, came in raids on the members' houses.

Among the detainees are three former members of parliament, doctors, a religious leader and several teachers, the statement said. It listed 15 names, but the police sources said 16 members were arrested.

The sources described the detainees as senior leaders of the group, some of whom returned recently from Sudan, which the government also has accused of backing Egyptian Muslim radicals.

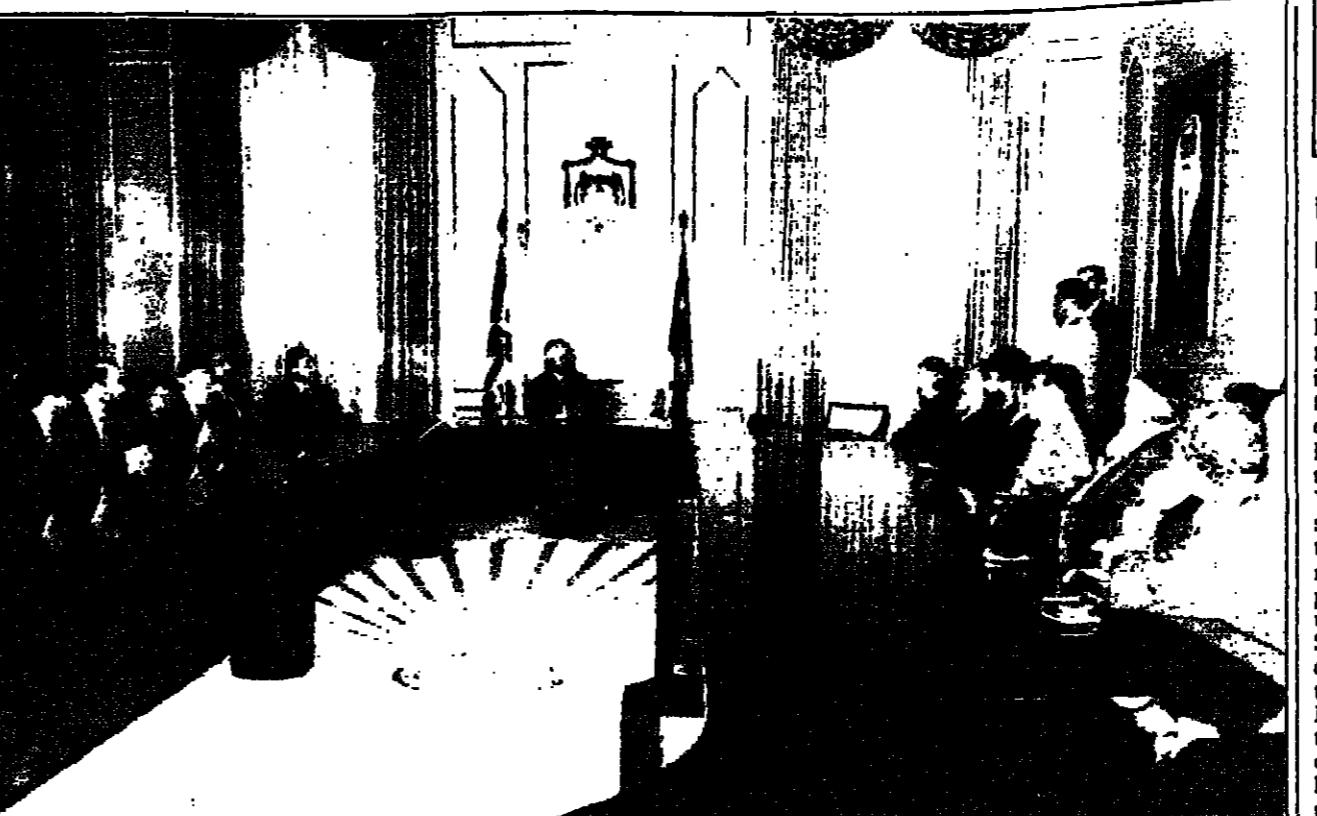
The suspects were seized after a meeting for the Brotherhood's Shura, or consultative council, where terrorist plans on Arab and international levels were discussed, the sources said.

Documents, local and foreign currency, video tapes, computer diskettes and pictures of "non-Egyptian terrorists" training on firearms also were seized, the sources said.

The Brotherhood statement said the arrests were linked to elections due in October. "This behaviour brings no good and comes at a time when the elections approach and the arena of freedom should have been widened," it said.

While the Brotherhood cannot run candidates since religious parties are banned under Egypt's constitution, its members have been elected to parliament by running under the banner of other parties. Brotherhood leaders have said they hope to run candidates in the fall elections in any way they can.

JORDAN COMMITTED TO PEACE: His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday receives at the Royal Court a delegation from the Israeli Shas Party. The King assured the delegation that the Kingdom will remain committed to the cause of comprehensive peace in the region (Petra photo)



Syria rejects accusations on military talks

Rabin says no progress expected unless military experts meet

DAMASCUS (Agencies)

— On Tuesday Syria rejected Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's charge that Damascus had broken an agreement to resume military talks with Israel.

"Rabin's accusations are contrary to facts," the official daily Tishreen said.

"Had Israel responded to the requirements and principles of the peace process the negotiations would have gone on normally and naturally," the newspaper said.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said on Sunday that the ambassadors of Israel and Syria would meet in Washington within two weeks and that it was a "technical issue" whether military representatives would join them.

But Mr. Rabin criticized Mr. Christopher, remarking, saying he viewed the Syrian refusal to meet "not as a technical matter but as a violation of an agreement."

But the United States,

under pressure from Israel to be more assertive, on Monday urged Syria to live up to its agreement with the Jewish state to have military experts meet by the end of July.

State Department Spokesman Nicholas Burns acknowledged that during Secretary of State Warren Christopher's last trip to the Middle East in June, Syria and Israel had agreed on a series of steps for peace talks through July.

"When the parties make commitments on each other, or to us, it is important that they live up to those commitments," Mr. Burns told reporters.

U.S. envoy Dennis Ross failed during a tour of the region last week to fix a date for a new round of Syrian-Israeli military meetings, originally planned to follow up talks between the Syrian and Israeli army chiefs held in Washington on June 27-29.

The talks focus on security arrangements that would back a proposed Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights, captured by Israel in 1967. These include early warning systems, demilitarized zones and peacekeeping troops.

Syria wants a full Israeli withdrawal from the Golan and says security arrangements should be equal and balanced. Israel refuses to reveal the extent of a pull-back until Damascus agrees to establish normal ties with the Jewish state.

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